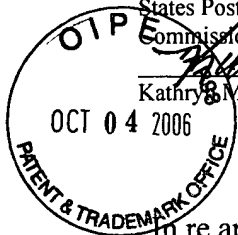


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RESPONSE A

Sir:

This RESPONSE A is in reply to the Office action mailed 02 May 2006. An appropriate Petition for Extension of Time to Respond is submitted herewith, together with the appropriate fee.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

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